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T. rex unleashed at Natural History Museum

1 A girl tries out the interactive *T. rex* during Tuesday's media preview of "T. Rex: The Ultimate Predator," a new exhibit opening at the American Museum of Natural History, which will explore the latest research and discoveries about the dinosaurs known as tyrannosaurs, with an emphasis on the most famous member of the family, *T. rex*.

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Kylie Jenner is world's youngest billionaire

2 Kylie Jenner on Tuesday was named the youngest self-made billionaire of all time by Forbes magazine, thanks to the booming cosmetics company she founded three years ago. Jenner, 21, the half-sister of reality television stars Kim, Khloe and Kourtney Kardashian, made it onto the annual Forbes list of billionaires after debuting her Kylie Cosmetics online in 2015 with $29 "lip kits" containing matching lipstick and lip liner. Forbes said she was both the world's youngest billionaire and also the youngest self-made billionaire ever. On their billionaires list, Forbes distinguishes between those who inherited much of their wealth and those who made their fortunes on their own. Kylie would be in 2,057th place whether she was self-made or inherited. Last year, Kylie Cosmetics did an estimated $360 million in sales, according to Forbes.

Bloomberg will forgo 2020 run, focus on climate change

3 Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg will not seek the Democratic nomination for U.S. president in 2020 but will instead launch an effort aimed at combating climate change, he said on Tuesday. A billionaire who could have sunk millions of his own dollars into a campaign, Bloomberg had publicly toyed with running and has become a vocal critic of President Donald Trump. He spent millions of dollars last year helping Democrats get elected and has invested in advocating for sweeping gun control laws. Bloomberg, 77, made his 2020 announcement in an opinion piece on the site of Bloomberg News, the company he runs. He said he was mindful of the difficulty of prevailing in the Democratic Party nominating primary process, especially given the leftward turn the party has taken in recent years.

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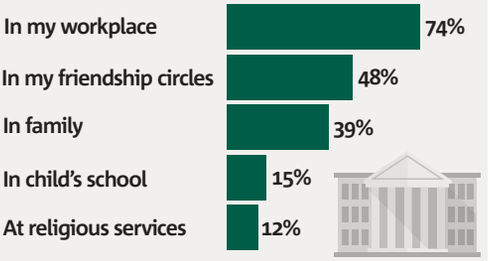

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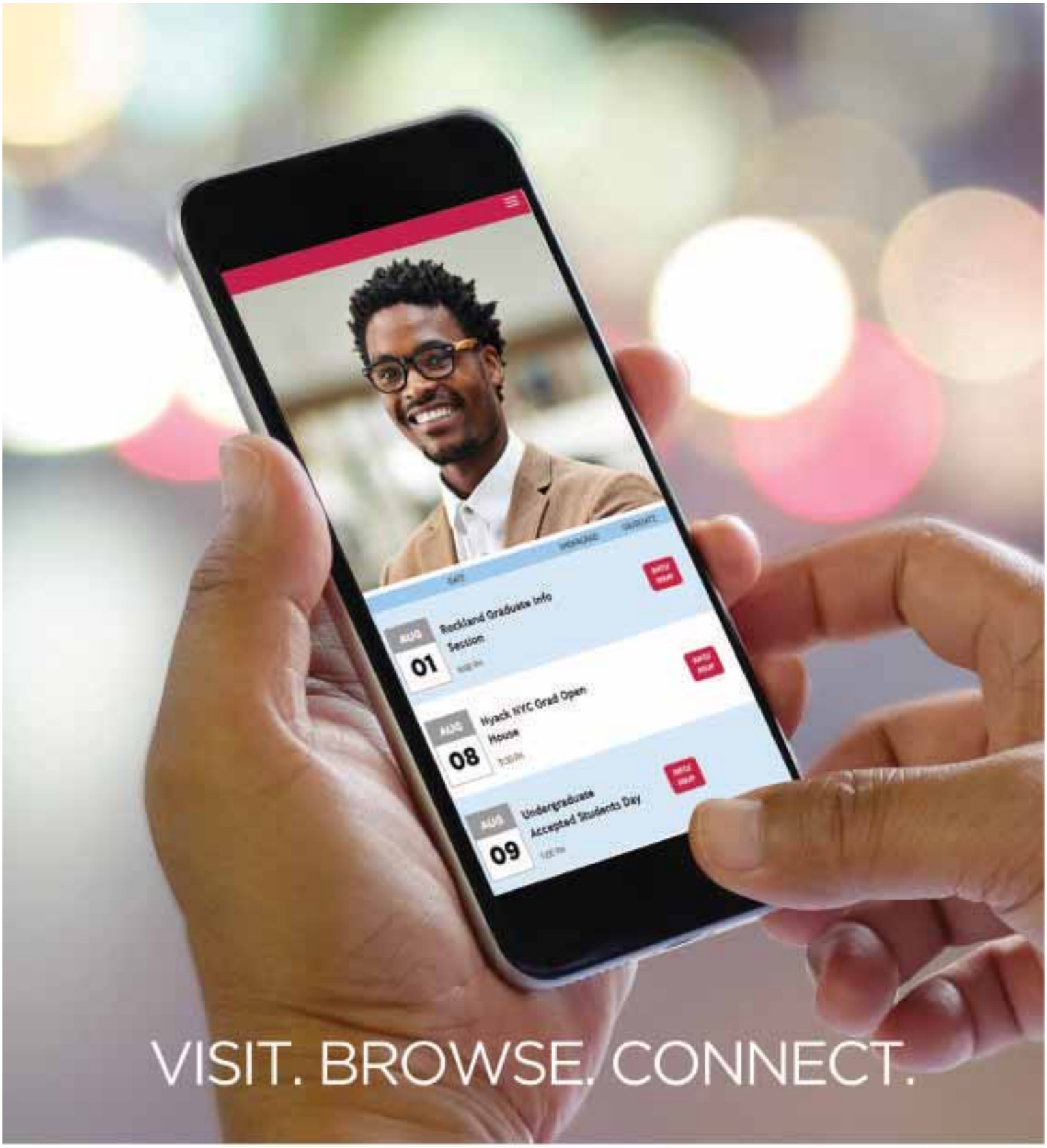

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NYC Council Speaker Johnson wants to shake up the MTA

Johnson wants to create "Big Apple Transit" to handle trains and buses within NYC.

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Corey Johnson. GETTY IMAGES

NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson is proposing a plan to break up the completely state-run Metropolitan Transportation Authority in favor of a brand-new system known as the Big Apple Transit (BAT) that will be under complete control of the mayor's office here in the city.

Johnson introduced this plan during his State of the City speech. In his remarks, he described the current state of the MTA as a "Frankenstein's monster of transit subsidiaries with a 3,000-person headquarters layered on top," adding that the control of mass transit in our city needs to be taken away from those on the board and the governor and put in the control of the mayor.

In a 104-page report, Johnson went into detail about how having a transit system controlled by a 23-person MTA board of people from all over New York state is not in the interests of those who rely on it every single day here in the five boroughs.

Currently, the city is only represented by four votes on all of the decisions that go into funding. Johnson promises that this will not be the case for BAT as he assured that all members of its board will be "required to live in the five boroughs."

According to his plan, Johnson wants to pull control of the city's trains, buses, Staten Island Railway and bridges and tunnels, currently overseeen by the spread-thin MTA, and put it under the BAT at a central and convenient location within the city.

"It will never be in the best interest of any governor to put the needs of the city above the needs of the rest of the state."
Corey Johnson, NYC Council speaker

"It will never be in the best interest of any governor to put the needs of the city above the needs of the rest of the state," he explained. "But it will always be in the best interest of any mayor to protect the city."

Johnson has received a huge outpouring of support for his proposal already on Twitter, including from new council member of the 43rd district Justin Brannon, who tweeted out his enthusiasm over Johnson's BAT.

"Whether it's municipal control of our subways or any big policy proposal or idea ... 'that's how it's always been done' isn't gonna cut it anymore. That's not a reason," Brannon tweeted. "The status quo is busted," he added. "That's all we know for sure. Everything else is blue sky. Kudos @CoreyinNYC."

The BAT proposal is an interesting development from Johnson, who made it known in January 2018 that he was considering a run for mayor in 2021.

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UK patient becomes second AIDS cure hope

Experts say the case is proof of concept that scientists can one day end the disease.

An HIV-positive man in Britain has become the second known adult worldwide to be cleared of the AIDS virus after he received a bone marrow transplant from an HIV-resistant donor, his doctors said.

Almost three years after he received bone marrow stem cells from a donor with a rare genetic mutation that resists HIV infection — and more than 18 months after he came off antiretroviral drugs — highly sensitive tests still show no trace of the man's previous HIV infection.

"There is no virus there that we can measure. We can't detect anything," said Ravindra Gupta, a professor and HIV biologist who co-led a team of doctors treating the man.

"This was really his last chance of survival."

Ravindra Gupta, professor and HIV biologist

AIDS experts said the case is a proof of the concept that scientists will one day be able to end AIDS, and marks a "critical moment" in the search for an HIV cure, but does not mean that cure has already been found.

Gupta described his patient as "functionally cured" and "in remission", but cautioned: "It's too early to say he's cured."

The man is being called "the London patient," in part because his case is similar to the first known case of a functional cure of HIV — in an American man, Timothy Brown, who became known as the Berlin patient when he underwent similar treatment in Germany in 2007 which also cleared his HIV.

Brown, who had been living in Berlin, has since moved to the United States and, according to HIV experts, is still HIV-free.

Some 37 million people worldwide are currently infected with HIV and the AIDS pandemic has killed about 35 million people worldwide since it began in the 1980s. Scientific research into the complex virus has in recent years led to the development of drug combinations that can keep it at bay in most patients.

Gupta, now at Cambridge University, treated the London patient when he was working at University College London. The man had contracted HIV in 2003, Gupta said, and in 2012 was also diagnosed with a type of blood cancer called Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

In 2016, when he was very sick with cancer, doctors decided to seek a transplant match for him.

"This was really his last chance of survival," Gupta told Reuters.

The donor — who was unrelated — had a genetic mutation known as "CCR5 delta 32," which confers resistance to HIV.

The transplant went relatively smoothly, Gupta said, but there were some side effects, including the patient suffering a period of "graft-versus-host" disease — a condition in which donor immune cells attack the recipient's immune cells.

Most experts say it is inconceivable such treatments could be a way of curing all patients. The procedure is expensive, complex and risky. To do this in others, exact match donors would have to be found in the tiny proportion of people — most of them of northern European descent — who have the CCR5 mutation that makes them resistant to the virus. REUTERS

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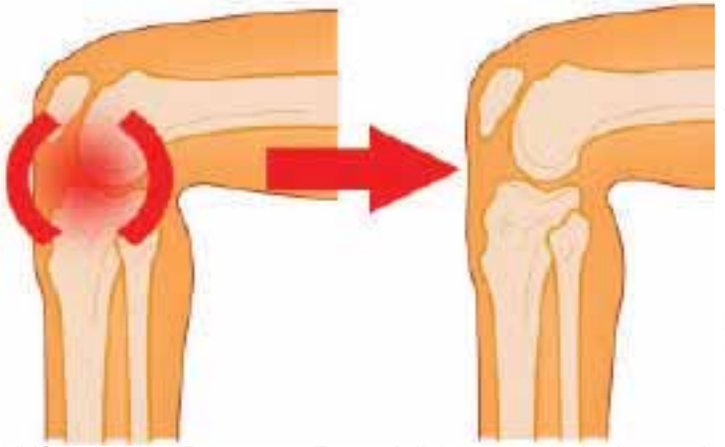

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Wrestling icon King Kong Bundy dies at 61

The WWE big man was famous for his steel-cage battle with Hulk Hogan.

Christopher Pallies, better known as pro wrestling legend King Kong Bundy, died Monday at the age of 61, World Wrestling Entertainment announced.

The cause of death was not immediately known.

Bundy, who also earned the moniker "walking condominium" due to his 6-foot-4, 458-pound frame, made his professional debut in 1981 under the name Chris Canyon before changing his name.

Bundy was best known for his steel-cage match against Hulk Hogan in WrestleMania 2 in 1986, won by Hogan. He also eschewed the three-count pin, demanding referees count to five to show off his dominance over a fallen foe.

Hogan, among others, took to Twitter on Tuesday to express his condolences.

"Overwhelmed by King Kong Bundy's passing, only great memories. RIP big man, until we meet again."

Bundy debuted with the WWF and competed in the first-ever WrestleMania at Madison Square Garden in 1985.

Bundy wrestled with or against wrestling's biggest stars, including Andre the Giant, The Undertaker, "Million Dollar Man" Ted DiBiase and Bobby "The Brain" Heenan.

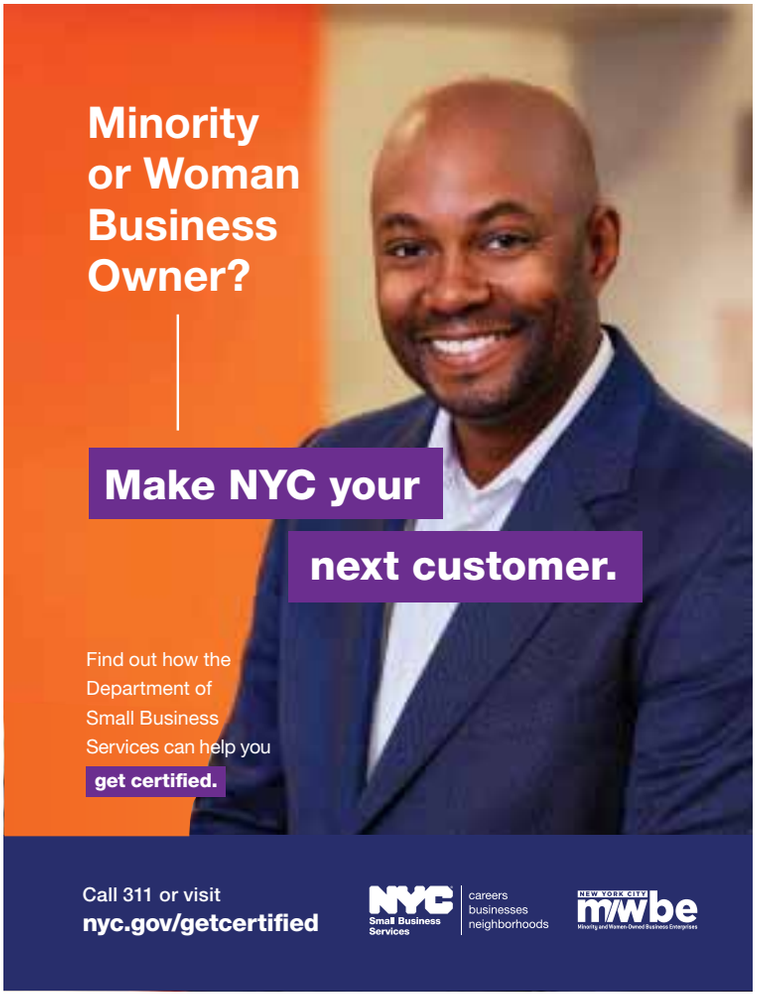
Bundy semi-retired from wrestling in 1988 before returning to the WWF in 1994 as part of The Million Dollar Corporation. Bundy left the WWF in 1995 and wrestled independently until 2007.

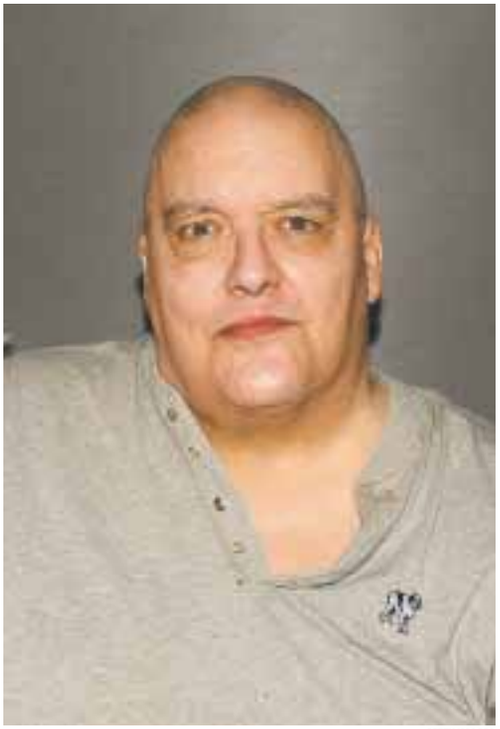
Bundy was also a stand-up comedian and actor. He appeared on the hit TV show "Married ... with Children" as well as "Boy Meets World" and starred in commercials. He also appeared in the movie "Moving" with Richard Pryor in 1988.

Bundy was part of a class-action lawsuit filed against the WWE in 2016 over claims that the company failed to take care of wrestlers suffering from head injuries. The suit was dismissed in 2018.

He was scheduled to appear at WrestleCon next month in New York.

Pallies was born in Atlantic City in 1957. REUTERS





King Kong Bundy. GETTY IMAGES

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Hulk Hogan

TWEETS

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OMG can't hardly believe my friend Chris Pallies aka King Kong Bundy has passed away. Very sad news he was a kind soul. Rest In Peace Brother until we meet again.

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I thought there was a law against riding bikes on the sidewalk.

Anonymous, *Metro US reader*

PEOPLE KEEPING THEIR WORD

Do you have those friends who always say things like "Oh, you know me.... I'm always late?" and you are supposed to just be okay with them whenever they bail on plans? Why do we let those people off of the hook all of the time? If you make plans you should follow through with them. If you can't, we don't have the responsibility to forgive you for being a flaky person.

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Taurus Put your best foot forward and help those in need. What you learn will be enlightening and will encourage you to get involved in your community. Positive change is doable.

Gemini Spend more time deciding what's best for you. Walk away from anyone offering the impossible or trying to pressure you into something you don't need.

Cancer Partnerships, contracts and moneymaking opportunities look promising. Make changes that are conducive to getting ahead and establishing a better future. Ask and you shall receive.

Leo Be careful what you wish for. An offer will be riddled with complications. Set up your affairs to minimize outside control; you'll need to be the one calling the shots.

Virgo Focus on what's important and finish what you start. How you treat others will affect what people say about you. If you do good things, your reputation will precede you.

Libra Listen and observe to gain experience and information that will help you make better choices. Don't start something you cannot finish. Personal integrity and growth are favored.

Scorpio Take care of situations that involve others. Discussing possibilities and offering choices to the people you care about will foster an agreement that will encourage better relationships.

Sagittarius Make changes for the right reason. Don't take anyone's word. Find out the facts and walk away from emotionally manipulative individuals. Someone's motives should be questioned.

Capricorn Get ready, get fit and take action. You can achieve a lot if you size up your situation and put plans in motion that promote progress and life improvements.

Aquarius Don't let a last-minute change someone makes disrupt your day. Go about your business and do your own thing. Keep your life simple and doable to avoid frustration and interference.

Pisces Let your intuition guide you. An emotional matter will help clarify exactly what you should do to prevent anyone from taking advantage of you. EUGENIA LAST

These are the best iPhone photos

Stunning images made with Apple smartphone that won in a global contest.

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Apple recently announced the winners of its Shot on iPhone Challenge, a contest to collect the best photographs taken with the smartphone. These images were made using a range of models, from iPhone XS Max to iPhone 7, and from countries like Singapore, Germany, Belarus, Israel and the U.S. The winners works will appear on billboards in selected cities, in Apple stores, and on the Internet.

1 "This is a photo filled with lovely color and sense of story in the composition," the judge of the contest Chen Man stated. Alex Jiang (the U.S.), iPhone XS Max.

2 "Gorgeous dynamic range. There's detail throughout the photo in the meadow, trees, and clouds," the judge Kaiann Drance said. Robert Glaser (Germany), iPhone 7.

3 "Very unique composition and color palette, playing to the strengths of iPhone XS," commented the judge Sebastien Marineau-Mes. Andrew Griswold (the U.S.), iPhone XS.

4 "Love how the heart-shaped water puddle frames the subject, capturing a glimpse of the world as the subject hurriedly walks past," judge Sebastien Marineau-Mes said. Dina Alfasi (Israel), iPhone X.

5 "The stolen glance between this raccoon/thief and photographer is priceless," accoding to judge Phil Schiller. Blake Marvin (US), iPhone XS Max.

6 "I like the simplicity of this image, the composition, light, details, everything looks good," Luísa Dörr, judge, explained. Nikita Yarosh (Belarus), iPhone 7.

This innovative app helps patients with chronic diseases

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Rango is changing the way people approach treatment in the digital age.

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One aspect of being diagnosed with a grave or terminal illness is that it can feel like no one else in the world understands what you are going through. It can be an isolating feeling, and having a sense of community can really make a difference during such difficult times.

With over 40 years of treating patients with HIV/AIDS, as well as other chronic diseases, New York City community-based nonprofit organization VillageCare understands what these patients are going through. In 2015, VillageCare introduced a revolutionary mobile app and online platform, Rango, in order to build an open forum where patients can seek one-on-one counseling and seek guidance with peers who are going through the same situations.

The benefits were clear for a patient named Diana who had been diagnosed with HIV right around the time of her 44th birthday. Diana was connected with a clinic who prescribed a regiment of antiretroviral therapy (ART), a combination of medications that effectively allows people to manage the disease and, in most cases, live longer and healthier lives.

While these medications have brought an HIV/AIDS diagnosis down from essentially a death sentence to a critical condition, balancing regular life with treatment can be difficult. That was the case for Diana until she began using Rango. From there, she was able to keep track of her medications while connecting with a community of patients similar to her.

"Rango gave me a forum to speak my mind with people like myself, without fear or judgment," said Diana. "It made me feel empowered."

A critical component of treating these diseases is ensuring that people consistently take their medications. For example, in an exploratory research exercise, VillageCare found that only 60 percent of individuals with HIV reported full compliance with their medication regimen. This is detrimental not only to their health but also to slowing the rate of new diagnoses, as full compliance with ART can reduce the risk of transmission.

Finding that balance of pushing patients to get the support they need while protecting their identities was crucial according to Emma DeVito, President and CEO of VillageCare. "The live support was a key element in our design," she

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says. "While progress has been made to remove the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS, many people prefer to keep their condition private."

"They don't always feel comfortable seeking support in a public setting," Ms. DeVito adds. "So, what is great about this program, is that it addresses all of their privacy concerns. They are able to access support groups right through the app. They are also able to get live one-on-one counseling. That of course, is the best feature, because it's the whole key to living longer with HIV- treatment adherence and making sure you take your medicine every day. This app helps you with that. It certainly addresses issues that people living with HIV are facing today."

The development of Rango came about after VillageCare was awarded a $9 million grant from The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) back in 2015 to help design an app that could keep HIV/AIDs patients on track with their treatment while scheduling coaching and counseling sessions and build a relationship with other patients while maintaining their anonymity.

In the years since the launch of Rango, the results have been overwhelmingly positive for patients' engagement and overall wellbeing. New York University's Health Evaluation & Analytics Lab found that Rango users, as opposed to patients who did not use the app, had a decrease in hospitalizations of 8 percent, and a relative increase in primary care visits of 3 percent. In the same study, they also found that the rate at which users refilled their HIV drug prescription rose significantly by 6 percent.

With these results, VillageCare hopes to extend Rango's reach to patients who suffer from other diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and even hepatitis C. By having motivating patients to get better with such an interactive app like Rango, VillageCare is innovating the way people approach their treatment in the modern age.

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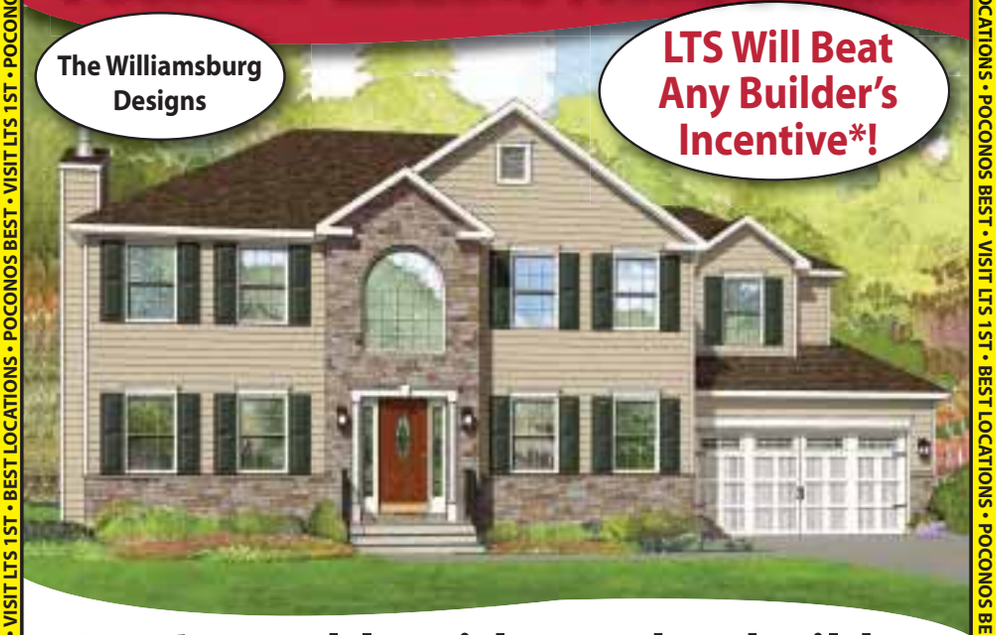

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KAYAK

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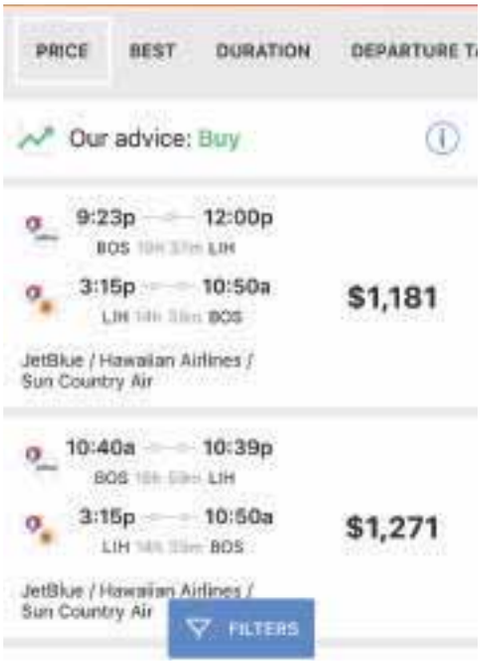

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Q&A

OSCAR FRÍAS
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Why did you create this app?
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How does it work?
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How many airlines do you have in your database?
Trabber finds all available flights from all airlines. The app also searches directly on the airline's own website in case it offers different web fares.

What other advantages does it have?
The main advantage is the ease and comfort of use. As it is an application designed specifically for mobile devices, the interface is very usable, and searches and comparisons are made quickly. It also offers all the power of Trabber.com because the search engine and comparison flights is the same as the web, so the results and prices to be obtained in the app are always the best available.

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Irving's anger could lead him to NYK

Could the Celtics' struggles be pushing the star guard out of Boston and toward New York?

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Celtics star Kyrie Irving has been unable to pull his team out of its funk. GETTY IMAGES

The disaster that is the post-All-Star break is only worsening for the Boston Celtics, which could be driving their star point guard, Kyrie Irving, to the Big Apple.

Another lackluster effort in a 115-104 loss to the Houston Rockets on Sunday was the Celtics' fifth defeat in six games since coming back from the All-Star festivities. Dating back to Feb. 7, they've lost seven of their last 10.

As one of the preseason favorites to win the Eastern Conference, the fifth-place Celtics have seen their deficit behind the first-place Milwaukee Bucks expand to 10.5 games with no improvements in sight.

Boston and Irving looked disingenuous for large stretches of the game, including on the defensive side of the ball. Rockets star James Harden, who was Irving's man for most of the night, was given a plethora of easy scoring opportunities on his way to a 42-point night as the Celtics trailed by as many as 20 in the first half.

Irving's postgame interactions were just as underwhelming as he was the only member of the team to talk — if you want to call it that. The 26-year-old said just 28 words in a media scrum that lasted fewer than two minutes. It was a clear holding of the tongue for a player whose frustrations are more than ascertainable.

It's just the latest indication that Irving, the best talent on the underachieving team, is plenty unhappy with the Celtics. He's been seen barking at teammates on the bench and voicing his displeasure with the team over the past few months. In the meantime, speculation has swirled around Irving's fit in Boston as Celtics legend Paul Pierce on ESPN admitted that the six-time all-star can't be the No. 1 guy on a championship team.

His change in attitude also reportedly has plenty to do with the New York Knicks, per Kevin O'Connor of The Ringer:

"Two sources peg Irving's change in demeanor to early February, around the time he was asked about the possibility of joining the New York Knicks next season."

With free agency looming this summer, Irving has an opportunity to find the perfect fit elsewhere. He's been unwilling to commit his long-term future to the Celtics despite a varying stance on the situation throughout the season.

As frustration continues to mount, thus pushing him closer out the door in Boston, speculation of him joining the Knicks is only expected to gain traction once again. Irving grew up fewer than 20 miles from Madison Square Garden in New Jersey and reportedly wanted to be traded to the Knicks upon his request to be dealt from the Cleveland Cavaliers prior to the 2017-18 season.

The Knicks are going to be major players in the free-agent market this summer, though the main prize appears to be Kevin Durant. With two max-salary roster spots expected to be available, however, it would allow New York to sign Irving and supply him with that one-B option Pierce referred to.

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Giants let star safety Landon Collins walk

In a much-maligned move, GM Dave Gettleman chose not to franchise-tag the All-Pro.

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The Giants opted not to exercise their franchise tag on All-Pro safety Landon Collins, meaning he will be a free agent next week. GETTY IMAGES

The New York Giants are letting All-Pro safety Landon Collins, one of the best at his position in the entire NFL, walk.

Tuesday provided general manager Dave Gettleman with one final chance to franchise-tag the 25-year-old, which would have cost $11.2 million. He opted not to use it, meaning Collins will become a free agent on March 14.

"I want to thank the Giants organization for believing in me and allowing me to have four great years in New York," Collins wrote on Twitter. "I can't express how great it was to play with my teammates and in one of the greatest cities in the world. I will forever cherish my time in the blue and white and the relationships I have built in the community and in the building. Now on to the next chapter."

Collins' future with the Giants has been in serious doubt ever since the end of February, when he cleaned out his locker at team facilities and said goodbye to his teammates, per ESPN's Josina Anderson.

It was the first indication — and a damning one — that the Giants were not going to re-sign Collins. However, there was hope that the organization would at least franchise-tag him.

It didn't last long.

Multiple reports over the weekend and into this week only cemented the notion that Collins wasn't returning, as it was deemed unlikely for Gettleman to exercise the franchise tag on him.

Tuesday only confirmed it.

It's a puzzling decision by Gettleman to let such a talent go. Collins has yet to reach his full potential in the NFL and has still been named to three Pro Bowls in his first four professional seasons. In 59 career games, he's amassed 428 combined tackles with eight interceptions and three forced fumbles.

The general manager's unwillingness to pay the rising star falls under further scrutiny when fully examining the salary cap situation.

As it stands, the Giants have $27 million in cap space this offseason, which will probably be spent on upgrading the offensive line and securing their draft picks. That apparently outranks keeping one of the best safeties in football.

What makes this decision worse is that Gettleman is choosing to hold on to 38-year-old veteran quarterback Eli Manning, who carries a $23 million cap hit in 2019, instead.

The Giants are on the verge of drafting their next franchise quarterback with the No. 6 pick in the 2019 NFL Draft this spring, which means Manning is going to be an incredibly expensive one-year teacher.

Sure, he deserves a hero's departure considering he's one of the best quarterbacks in franchise history. But stimying the growth of the organization to retain a quarterback who — to frankly put it — doesn't fit the Giants' offensive scheme is lunacy.

If you ask 10,000 Giants fans who they would rather take, I think at least 90 percent of them would choose retaining Collins over Manning.

This isn't going to help Gettleman's case in the Meadowlands, which could turn into a jungle real quick if he can't start moving this team out of the NFL's cellar.

Yanks' Severino to miss Opening Day

New York Yankees ace Luis Severino will likely miss Opening Day after it was discovered that he is suffering from inflammation in his rotator cuff. The issue was discovered Tuesday morning after the righty complained of discomfort in the area, prompting the Yankees to scratch him from his spring training start. GETTY IMAGES

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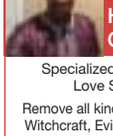

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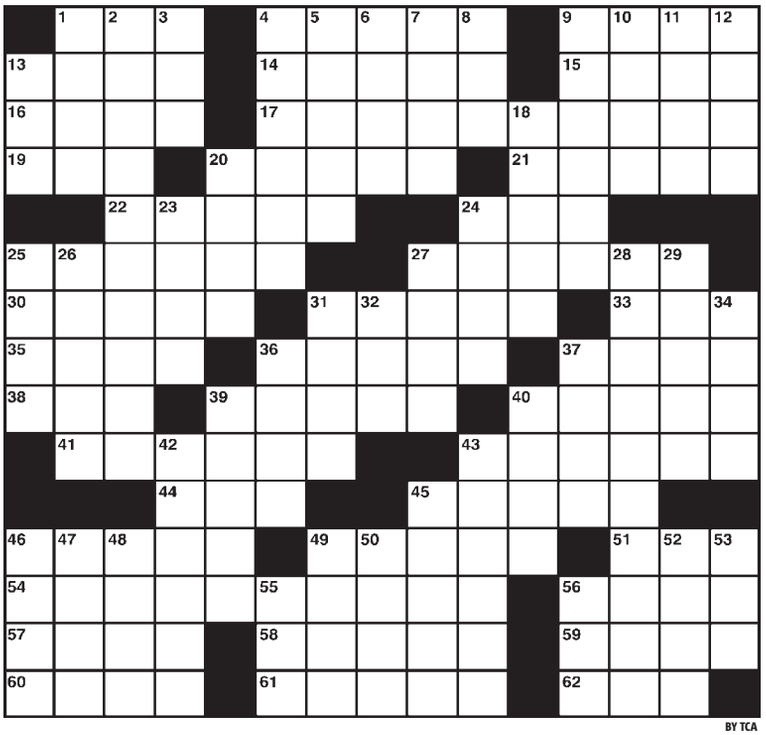
4 Sparkle
9 Canyon sound
13 Family member
14 Show with musical numbers
15 Part of the leg
16 Game broadcaster
17 Hyper
19 "Says __?"; skeptic's reply
20 Met production
21 Shoestrings
22 New Delhi dollar
24 Flea collar wearer
25 Ill will; loathing
27 Least risky
30 Straighten
31 Eyeglasses
33 "Olympus __ Fallen"; Morgan Freeman film
35 Floating sheet of ice
36 Skirt crease
37 Ditty
38 Cheap metal
39 Dairy product
40 Row of shrubs
41 Shun
43 At __; haphazardly
44 Tear
45 "__ makes waste"
46 Play a guitar
49 Piece of chicken
51 Record speed letters
54 Flourishing
56 One not to be trusted
57 Expel; get rid of
58 Funeral song
59 Overnight stops
60 Golf shop purchase
61 Drive too fast
62 Humpty Dumpty, for one

DOWN

1 Too hasty
2 Distributes
3 Beard wearer
4 Felt about blindly
5 Water barrier
6 "...and they lived happily __ after."
7 Invisible emanation
8 __ culpa; admission of guilt
9 Real __; Century 21's business
10 Fashionable
11 Bee colony
12 Small bills
13 Parishioners' seat
18 Musical symbols
20 Not locked
23 Strong desire
24 Agreement
25 Ax handle
26 TV's "Kate & __"
27 __ ripper; sewer's tool
28 Trembling
29 Ballroom dance
31 Murdered
32 Tiny vegetable
34 __ like; appear to be
36 Get ready, for short
37 Portable shelter
39 Rain forest animal
40 Meaty concoction
42 Pie bottoms
43 Worn to tatters
45 Door hanger's metal piece
46 Catch sight of
47 Factual
48 Late Kennedy matriarch
49 Stumble
50 Bring on board
52 Hunger pain
53 Fem. title
55 Begley & Bradley
56 Recline



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